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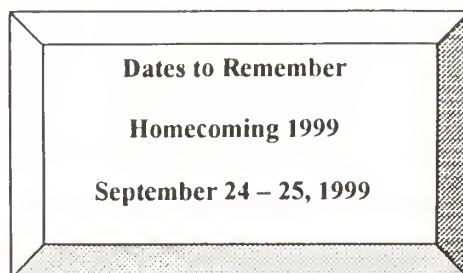
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A Message from the Editor . . .

It is time for another edition and I want to thank all who sent in class news. If you have articles or other information that might be included in the Record please forward material to me. I edit the Record but it is your newsmagazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it! Just remember that there are printing deadlines and your news must reach me by the dates listed in order to guarantee inclusion in that edition of the Record.

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. I will return all disks so that you can use them for the next issue of news you send. If you don't type or have a computer send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

Thank you for all of your help - and if anyone wants to volunteer to assist with the editing of the Record please let me know. Volunteers are always welcome!

This edition will have very little information on the 125th Celebration. There will be a book that is to be published in November that will contain the history of the Alumnae Association and the complete summary of the 125th Celebration. This book will be sent as a gift of the Association to all active and complimentary members of the Association. All of the 125th photos will be included in this book. The book will be titled: **An Alumnae Tribute** and is being funded by the income from the Marion Verge estate.

Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

P. S. If you have an address change (and many areas have recently had zip code changes) please let us know and if the post office has given you a postal address please forward that to us as soon as possible so that when we do mailings we can get them to you as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Annual Reports Of the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association

Alumnae President

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Alumnae Association once again as President. This has been a two-year term filled with exciting and challenging work. Though my entire two years we have been planning the 125th Celebration of Nursing Education at the Massachusetts General Hospital. I was delighted to serve as the co-chair for the event. Although we had very small committees putting the event together, we had a hard working team that did an outstanding job. The Board of Directors met six times during the year. We finally obtained 501-c3 status with the IRS which makes the Association a non-profit organization and tax deferred. This also means that all donations to the association are now tax deductible based on the IRS tax codes. The computer system is up and running and made the work of registration for the 125th a much easier job, many thanks to Doris Morrisette who is our accountant and computer expert. The Finance Task Force still has not finished their work gathering the information needed to determine the best and safest route for the Association to invest the money controlled by the association. This will be a task for the incoming Board to pursue during the next year.

Without Lee Drago, Mim Huggard, Doris Morrisette and Carolyn Thayer the office would not be as efficient and the work of all of the officers is greatly enhanced by their efforts. I want to thank each of them for the wonderful job they did during my term and especially with all of the office work involved with the 125th Celebration.

The work to collect and preserve the history is going well. Over the past year we have started to do videotape interviews with various people who had a major role in nursing education and the association over the years. The content of the audio and videotape interviews were part of the research done by Karen Wolf in the writing of the book, **The Next Twenty-Five Years**, which documents the history of nursing education at the MGH from the Centennial to the present. As one of the editors for the book, I was delighted that we were able to keep to our print deadlines and the book was available for the 125th. I am also happy that a second book will be published by the Association in November that will include the history of the Alumnae Association and the complete details of the 125th Celebration. Monies from two estates that the Association has received have helped to defray the cost of these two books.

It has been a very busy year but a fun year as well and I thank all who worked to make the year a success for the organization.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Annual General Business Meeting

September 26, 1998

1. The meeting was called to order by Linda Lass-Schuhmacher, President, at 9:20 AM.
2. The minutes of the September 28, 1997 meeting were published in the Fall/Winter edition of the **Alumnae Record** – there were no additions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as published.
3. Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
4. The reports of the President and Committee Chairpersons were read and will be published with the Annual Reports.
5. The election results were announced by Jeanne Stahl. 528 ballots were cast:
President-elect – Jeanne Cona Stahl
Secretary – Linda Lass-Schuhmacher
Board of Directors – Beth Mooney Blackington and Mary Anne Kieran
6. A motion was made to destroy the ballots – approved by majority.
7. New Business – none
8. Meeting adjourned at 10 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton
Secretary

Alumnae Secretary

The Alumnae membership for 1998 including the 85 complimentary members is 1,367. We did have over 200 members that did not renew their membership this year.

Condolences are extended to all family, friends, and classmates of the 22 deceased members.

Our Fund Drive has exceeded expectations and to date we have received \$17,660.

Our indispensable volunteer, Miriam Huggard continues to devote countless hours to assist in maintaining the Alumnae Office. Special thanks also to Carolyn Thayer for

her momentous task in helping for a successful 125th Celebration, also to Doris Morrisette for her special help in keeping the office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,
Eligia (Lee) Drago,
Alumnae Secretary

Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1997 the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association received a total of \$82,456 from bequests, dues, fund drives, donations, interest from bank accounts, and capital appreciation from investments.

For that same period ending December 31, 1997, expenses from the general operations of the Association were \$62,484. Therefore, the Association has a cash increase of \$19,972. For comparative purposes, fiscal 1996 had a surplus of \$99,380.

Fiscal 1997 was a successful year with increased cash flow from fund drives, membership dues, and interest income. There were two awards (Ruth Sleeper Scholarship and Adele Corkum Award) issued and one loan granted.

A copy of the auditor's report is on file in the Alumnae Office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariann Vetere
Treasurer

Program Committee

The program committee worked throughout the year to put together the three-day 125th Celebration programs. A four-hour CEU program was conducted on Friday, a Walk Through the History in slide show format was done on Saturday, and a two-hour overview of the MGH and the IHP was conducted on Sunday. All of the programs were very well received. The committee is considering doing a full day CEU program prior to Homecoming next year based on the feedback from attendees this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Helena McDonough
Maureen McGrath
Co-chairs

Alumnae Record

Two issues of the Alumnae Record were published this past year. There has been an increase in the amount of news items received. Please remember that items that are not received by the deadline will be included in the next edition. Thank you to all who submit items. If your class never has news listed then you should take it upon yourself to get some news and send it in.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher
Chair and Editor

Annabella McCrae Loan Fund

This year the Loan Fund received three applications for loans. Three loans of \$5000 each were granted.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (2%) to those returning to school and encourage alumnae to apply. Applications can be obtained from the Alumnae Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Thayer
Chair

Sally Johnson Felicia Fullerton Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee met in May to decide the scholarship awards for the coming year. Only three applied this year and were all approved.

Full time scholarship awarded to:

Pamela Longtin (71) for Accounting – Hospital Budgets

Part time scholarships awarded to:

Irene Schleider McMahan (71) for MSN

Patricia Murphy (80) for Master Degree in Health Professions

Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship needs to obtain the form from the Alumnae Office and return it before May 1st.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Tannenbaum Niostel
Carolyn Wortman
Committee Members
Marlene Norton
Chair

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee worked very hard to try to get a full ballot together for the year. Unfortunately there were no alumnae members who were willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the Association and you can make meetings held in Boston in the evening six times per year please call or write the office. We need your help.

Congratulations and welcome to all of the new Board and Officers. All of these positions are voluntary and new faces are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Stahl
Chair

Bertella Tompkins Fund

In the past year the fund has not approved or given any financial assistance for medical needs. We invite graduates in need to contact the committee.

The fund interest was used to underwrite the cost of the printing of the book, **The Next Twenty-Five Years** which is the history of Nursing Education at the MGH from the Centennial to the present.

This year the chair position of the committee will change, as I retire from my position as chair and turn the chair position over to Carolyn Thayer. Many thanks to Mim Huggard and Dorothy Mahoney who have been serving and will continue to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira
Chair

Hospitality/Service Committee

We continue to try and keep in touch with older and frail alumnae. We would appreciate you, the alumnae, keeping us informed of shut-ins and anyone alone, who would appreciate hearing from us. Last Christmas we sent small remembrances to about 20 members as well as a Christmas letter to the senior classes.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Huggard
Carolyn Thayer
Co-chairs

IHP Representative/Endowment Fund

The Association continues to maintain a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. The Endowment Fund Committee met and distributed the income from the fund to defray nursing faculty salaries. The Association also actively participates in the Generalist Completion Ceremony and the Hooding and Graduation Ceremony for the nursing program. This year the Association actively supported the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the IHP as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher
Representative

125th Celebration Committee

A small number of people created a wonderful three-day event that received rave reviews from all in attendance. The full details of the entire event will be published in the upcoming book, **An Alumnae Tribute**, that is due out in December. Although the final budget information is not completely available, it would appear that we came in at or under the projected budget for the event.

Thanks to all who worked to make the event a success, and thanks to all that attended and created the wonderful feeling of family.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher
Co-chairs

Homecoming – 125th Celebration 1998

The three-day event was well attended and very successful. The Friday CEU program was attended by 185 people, the Friday evening Awards Banquet was attended by 261 people, the Saturday Homecoming program and luncheon was attended by 378 people, and the Sunday program had 205 people registered.

The Association recognized reunion classes:

The oldest class in attendance: Class of 1929 – Christine Moore Binnall

The 60 Year Class: Class of 1938 – Gertrude Snow Barr, Dorothy Goodwin MacLaren, Margaret Wilson McConnell, and Katherine Barrett Tamule

The 50 Year Class: Class of 1948 – had 62 members attending (one of the largest 50 years classes ever).

The 40 Year Class: Class of 1958 – had 30 members attending.

The 25 Year Class: Class of 1973 – had 7 members attending.

There were three attendees that came the farthest:

Class of 1965 – Adriane de Savorgnani from the United Kingdom

Class of 1950 – Jennie Chang Ernst and Florence Nagao Stanley from Hawaii

A special recognition was given to Helen Sherwin on Saturday after the program for all of her hard work and dedication to get the historical photos and materials archived and stored at Countway.

It was an incredible weekend and we hope that the feelings that were rekindled will continue and that we will see you all again next year at the annual Homecoming event.

Homecoming Photos

Photos in the book, **An Alumnae Tribute**, will be labeled and may be ordered through FAYFOTO, 45 Electric Avenue, Boston, MA 02135, telephone 617 267 2000. All reunion year photos can be ordered by year. Copies are available in 5 X 7 size for \$10.00 and 8 X 10 for \$15.00 each. Orders should include the year and section, a check covering the cost of the order, and your full mailing address. Please allow 4 – 6 weeks for delivery.

Please note the office is not selling or taking orders for photos or Balfour Jewelry.

Price List of Gift Items 125th Celebration

These items can be ordered by writing to the Alumnae Office – specify what items you wish to purchase and include your check or money order (costs quoted below included postage and handling). Items will be shipped to you within one week of receipt of your order. Thank you.

Tote Bag (small) neutral color with blue trim and logo	\$18.00
Note Cards (MGH Nurse) package of 10 with envelopes	\$11.00
Key Rings (exact replica of the pin on a key ring)	\$23.00
Books:	
Centennial Review	\$18.00
The Next Twenty-Five Years	\$13.00
Order both and save!	\$26.00

COMMEMORATIVE JEWELRY BY BALFOUR

There was a great deal of interest in the commemorative jewelry on display. Many people were interested in replacing lost nursing pins (which can still be engraved with your number!) or ordering the MGH signet ring. Both of these are produced by the Balfour Company and can be ordered at any time by contacting Balfour at the address below.

In addition, there were several special items that required a minimum number of orders to produce. The miniature nursing cap charm was the most popular and has already exceeded the minimum. It is available in:

Sterling Silver \$ 58.00 plus sales tax

10K yellow gold \$148.00 plus sales tax

All orders for the cap charm must be received by 11/15/98 as they are all produced at the same time. This will insure the charms are received by the holidays.

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest in the miniature MGH nursing pin as a charm to reach the minimum so this will not be available. The key chain is sold by the association and may be ordered directly from them.

There were several jewelry items offered using a coin design of the MGH symbol. We have received orders for about half the minimum and so may be able to offer these if more orders are placed. These are available in 14K yellow gold only and include:

Coin charm: \$138.00 plus sales tax

Bracelet: \$218.00 plus sales tax

Pendant with 20" gold-filled chain: \$148.00 plus sales tax

Your credit card will not be charged or your check cashed unless we reach the minimum order quantity of 20 pieces.

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Braintree, MA 02184
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

By His Excellency

GOVERNOR ARGIO PAUL CELLUCCI

1998

- WHEREAS:** Founded in 1873 as the Boston Training School for Nurses, the third such school to be founded in the United States under plans provided by Florence Nightingale, the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on September 26th, 1998; and
- WHEREAS:** This prestigious institution has been instrumental in preparing more than 7,000 individuals for the challenges of nursing; and
- WHEREAS:** Graduates of the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing have gone on to provide outstanding care to individuals in hospitals, at home, and elsewhere in the community, while sharing their knowledge with aspiring nurses at schools around the world, and
- WHEREAS:** The Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing counts such notable individuals among its graduates as the first editor and first business manager of the *American Journal of Nursing*, the first nurse in charge of the Army Nurse Corps, and the first president of the National League for Nursing; and
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate for all Massachusetts citizens to recognize the tremendous contributions made to the profession of nursing made by the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARGIO PAUL CELLUCCI, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 26th, 1998, to be

A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

and urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-third

By His Excellency the Governor


ARGIO PAUL CELLUCCI


WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth



GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Pearls from the Past . . .

Here is “a real pearl” from Sara Parson’s History:

“During this year one of the lady visitors suggested a uniform for the nurses. At this time, and for several years later, the nurses wore print dresses of an inconspicuous pattern, and one of the graduates who was in the School says, “If any nurse wore a dress of pronounced design, she was threatened with a uniform.” Circa 1880

An attic treasure sent by Barbara Pirano (March 52)

from the “Drawsheet” May 18, 1951

Do You Remember?

In future years when we gather in reunion to discuss our new lives, and to reminisce, our first recollection will be the completely lost feeling we experienced when trying to locate Thayer House for the first time, and having found it, trying to relocate it.

As we sit in comfortable armchairs, we shall recall the weird and various positions assumed in UOPD in an unavailing effort to obtain temporary relief for aching backs and sleeping extremities.

We shall remember the first day we marched proudly through the corridors in our uniforms, heads thrown back – and our chagrin at being unable to direct a visitor to B-6!

The first few weeks of classes elicited many emotions. We took pages of meaningless notes, and underlined every line in Harmer and Henderson. And none of us shall ever forget our first Nursing I quiz; for that matter, any quiz in Nursing I! We will laugh to recall the nights before hour exams when laughter, bordering on hysteria, resounded at 2 A.M. from a smoky room filled with sleepy people and empty coffee cups.

And on the subject of laughter, we will reminisce over our first ward assignments, when a moan from a patient filled us with the urge to look up the next train home. We soon learned there are many ways to look busy in a Utility Room while thinking desperately of the next step in a procedure. Also, we will recall the fear which gripped us as a group of white-robed doctors approached the patient for whom we were caring.

Roll Call will remain a hideous memory; the sinking feeling as we looked at the clock, with only seven minutes until 6:45, and the benign expression on the instructor’s face as she doled out tardy slips.

In retrospect, the six months of our life as “Preclinicals” will seem terribly short, although right now it seems they will never end.

We will continue to laugh at our mistakes and the silly things we do, and it will be good community laughter, simply because of the mutual pain and suffering endured, with our common goal that MGH diploma and cap!

Thayer First Floor Alley

News of the Worcester County MGH Club

We met for our spring meeting on May 12, 1998 at O'Connor's Restaurant and Pub in Worcester. They give us exemplary service and the food is wonderful too.

The following people traveled from various parts of Worcester County and our room was soon a hubbub of voices: Alleyne Albrecht Foley (48), Blanche Couillard (49), Ann Mitchell (54), Janice Prouty Howland (62), Martha Almonte (74), Jan McMillan (62), June Hamilton Branagan (54), Frances Tomasunas Kay (41), Barbara Moran Clancy (57) and her mother, Rita Kudzeba, Chris Binnel (29), and Muriel Settle Pollock (42), who probably comes the furthest distance.

Our next meeting will be on October 6th at 1 P.M. – all MGH grads are invited. Our dues are only \$1.00 at each meeting to attend. Such a bargain is a rarity in this day and age.

Annette Heinzle Desmarais (44)
92 Chapel St
Holden, MA 01520-1809
508 829 2403

The Worcester county MGH group met at O'Connors Restaurant at 1 P.M. on October 6th. As usual at our fall meeting, we were composed of retirees, the only ones with free time during the day. Those present included: Muriel Settle Pollock (42), Ruth Pedley Smith (44), Madeline Hamel Hoelsch (44), Blanche Couillard (49), Christine Moore Binnall (29) and me (Annette Heinzle Desmarais). We had a private room and were able to chat. Other members whom I saw at Homecoming were Barbara Moran Clancy (57), Janice Prouty Howland (62), and Carol Brown Walsh (57). Our own Chris Binnall was honored as the member of the oldest class present.

Our next meeting will be May 11, 1999 at O'Connors at 6:30 P.M. If you want to receive a notice write to me. (address above)

A Special Gift to the Alumnae Association:

The Alumnae Office received a wonderful gift from Ruth Whittier Eaton. The gift of a painting of the Bulfinch Building done by an unknown patient. The work is truly a work of art and is priceless especially to those of us who grew up around the Bulfinch lawn as we learned to be the best nurses around. We are impressed by the feeling that the artist was able to give to the work, although unsigned it was obviously done by an artist with talent. The painting now hangs in the Alumnae Office and is a delight for all who visit. Everyone who sees the painting has a "Bulfinch Story" that is brought out by the work.

Editors note: Sincere apologies to Ruth Eaton and her family – this gift arrived at the Association in 1997 and this note failed to get into any of the previous Alumnae Records. Our thanks to her brother Robert for reminding us of this oversight.

In Memoriam

- 1921 Minnie Caroline Haskins Jonnson - September 23, 1998 at age 102
- 1922 Louise Spear Schermerhorn – July 13, 1998
- 1923 Ruth Tapley – May 25, 1998
- 1928 Edith Morse Palmer - 1998
- 1936 Jennie Kornacke Smith – May 4, 1998
- 1938 Helen L. Curran Bolger – April 22, 1998
- 1939 Harriet Spaulding Harrington – 1998
- 1942 Margaret Jean Cooper Westberg- July 29, 1998
- 1946 Marion Davis Soule – June 28, 1998
- 1946 Grace Kondrup Archinski – May 19, 1998
- 1949 Emily Swierad Nicoll – June 27, 1998
- 1958 Barbara Gernhardt – October 2, 1994
- 1959 Jamin Schofield Guarino – October 1997

Class News

1921

Bertha Quimby, a resident of Seacoast Health Center, 25 Tuck Rd, Hampton NH 03842, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 18, 1998. Congratulations and best wishes from the Alumnae Association.

1922

We received a note from Carolyn Hayward Reed – she is now 99 years young. She lives alone in her home and only gave up driving two years ago. She is active in her church that she helped establish in 1980 as well as the women's club and with bridge.

1925

In a note from Earlyne Scott – she will be 95 in October, lives alone and is doing quite well with much caring and attention from her son and his wife. She has many happy memories of her years at MGH as a student and an instructor.

1928

We were notified of the death of Edith Morse Palmer. She had been a volunteer at the MGH from October 1942 until December 1991. During these 49 years, she contributed 24,055 hours of volunteer service. In 1967 she was awarded the Jessie Harding Award for volunteer service. She volunteered in the clinics and during the polio epidemic in 1955 as a volunteer RN on the units supporting patients, their families, and the staff.

As a member of the MGH Service League, which was instituted by the wives of doctors on the MGH staff, (her husband Robert was a member of the medical staff) she represented this group when the trustee advisory committee to the volunteer department was first established in 1957.

1930

We received a wonderful photo of Louine Lunt Peck on her 90th birthday. She is a disabled veteran of World War II and now lives in Northeast Harbor Maine. Her friends gave her a surprise birthday party that was well attended by those in the area.

1934

We received a note from Rita Bein Haj – “I have so many memories of my nursing school days, sorry to miss this 125th Celebration. After graduation, anesthetists course, a few years in the OR, joined the Navy Nurse Corps in 1943 and was with the first group of 25 navy nurses to start a base hospital in Oran, North Africa in February 1944. Married a Marine corps Pilot – retired after 21 years in the Navy – since 1976 we’ve lived on the East Coast of southern Florida.

1936

We received a death notice of Jennie Kornacki Smith who died unexpectedly on May 4, 1998 in Framingham at the age of 83. She had worked as a night nursing supervisor for 26 years at Framingham Union Hospital until her retirement at the age of 69.

1938

In a note from Lisa MacPhearson, we learned of the death of her grandmother, Helen L Curran Bolger on April 22, 1998. She had been planning on attending the 125th Celebration.

1942

Gertrude Latici
350 Roseland Park Rd
Woodstock, CT 06281

I have received a letter from Helen Watters Washburn advising us that Jeanne Cooper Westerberg died on July 2, 1998. She had survived breast cancer six years ago and then lung cancer surfaced last spring. In spite of that she had planned to attend the 125th with Lennie.

On a more cheerful note, I can tell you that Mary Hayes Johnston is in good shape in Merrimack, NH; also Olive Hohl Larnikevitch in Simsbury, CT, Jean Coaty Riley in Westchester, PA, Muriel Gosvenor McNally summers in Woodstock and the rest of the time out on Nantucket. There are just too many people on Nantucket in July and August.

I have been wondering why Mary Mac’s phone would ring when I called and yet no answer. This time she answered so now I know she spent six months in the hospital.

Bruno and I are devoting the summer to getting this house and our too many flower beds in shape as our youngest daughter, Cristina, is being married on Labor Day and she wants the reception here.

1944

Annette Heinzle Desmarais
92 Chapel St
Holden, MA 01520-1809

The committee for the 125th Celebration really outdid themselves and it will be a weekend long remembered.

The following members sat at our table for the banquet on Saturday. I hadn't seen them since our 50th reunion: Barbara Thorburn Sharp, Dorothy McCullough Black, Marion Sullivan Daly, and Betty Whitney Gray. Barbara said that Rita Collins Crowley, Mary Conroy Cargil and Patricia Batchelder Crowley were there too although I didn't see them. Ruth Pedley Smith and I were the only ones from the February section. I don't remember how large the class was at graduation but I think it was a good representative number after 54 years.

1946

Dorothy Shattuck Jeffery wrote with a death notice of Grace Kondrup Archinski.

Dorothy should have graduated with the September 46 class but for illness, she finally graduated with the September 1947 class.

1947

Sally Thorndike Roth sent a note: "I'll take this opportunity to extend my thanks for and appreciation of all the work that goes into your services in the alumnae Office concerning alumnae affairs. I know it must be an awesome task, but I'm certain you must also know how grateful everyone must be to all of you." She also included an obituary that had been sent to her. Thank you for keeping the office informed of alumnae members.

September 1948

Notes from the 50 Year Class:

Marilyn Corthell – Finally had our first grandchild, Delaney Jean Corthell when we were 70. Retired after 20 years of running a gift shop in Maine and moved to civilization in Freeport or better know as L.L. Bean town. Planning to make a trip to Hawaii with our daughters Kerry and Kim right after the reunion. I am on the library board and enjoy reading, cross-stitch, crewel and other crafts. Our oldest daughter Kerry is a VP and lead consultant of the Private Bank of Key Bank. Kim is now the director of Information Policy for the Department of Defense. Our son Kinny is a Special Agent for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in their investigative division.

Gretchen Menger – no news

Helen Arikian – We have 4 children. Yvonne works with a pediatrician in East Hampton, NY. Our 2 boys live in Montauk, NY. Elaine is in Oklahoma, works as an accountant. We have 8 grandchildren. Joe's garden keeps him busy in the summer and house repairs in the winter. I love to cook and sew; and knit in front of the TV all winter. Retirement has been a blessing – we are able to travel and visit family together. We belong to a group of mall walkers; a Pro-Life organization who help unwed mothers and young families with difficulties; and manage to get through each day totally exhausted. Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Marjorie Wood – Love to play the poker slot machine when I go with my German friend to casinos in the area. Recently "Seniors Unlimited" (a tour company) had a 2-day trip to a casino north of Toronto. No nickel machines (like those best – less to lose). About an hour before we were to leave, was playing a 4 of a kind machine and got a royal flush – 250 tokens. Did I ever love the sound of those coins dropping in the metal bin. First time I've ever won more than I spent (allow myself \$20 a day). Had told our driver that if I ever came out ahead, I'd probably have a heart attack from shock. When I told him I'd won, and didn't have a heart attack after all, he said he was glad.

Barbara Eger – My husband Ray became ill in 1989 and had to give up his dental practice. He had cardiomyelitis. Refused for a heart transplant at the Brigham and also Hartford Hospital, he opted for cardiomyoplasty (experimental) at MGH. He did fairly well for about 1½ years but died in February 1993. A year later my daughter Jean Alison was killed in a black ice accident. She left a 3 year old, Nigel. I am now his guardian because his father's whereabouts are unknown. In 1995 my son, his wife and 2 kids moved in with me after an extensive addition, to make a family for Nigel. My son left us for another woman a year later so my daughter-in-law and I are here trying to keep it all together with the 3 kids. Not exactly the life style I would have chosen for my "golden years" but you do what you have to do. The kids are great. Jessica 7, Nigel 8, and Jimmy 13.

Theresa Stepp – Retired for 6 years. Busy with volunteer work at church and schools and arts and crafts. 5 children, 12 grandchildren from 1 year to 15 years old.

Margaret T. Higgins – Retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel. Served in Germany, Pakistan, Korea, California and South Carolina. Volunteer at the Chaplains office at the Cape Cod Hospital and keep active with various military groups and friends.

Jean Keller Beck – no news

Ginny Kalvin – Retired in 1996. 2 kids, 6 grandchildren. Love to ride my bike, play tennis and travel. Last 2 years saw Spain, Greece, Pyramids, Jerusalem and Turkey. This year going on a Mississippi paddleboat out of New Orleans.

Avis Farrell – 5 grandchildren, ages 18 months to 25 years. Earl is retired, we take life easy pretty much.

Pat Webber Schwartz – We have 2 grandchildren. I am doing volunteer work at the local hospital 2 days a week. Try to play golf (joy and sorrow!). Trying to get my husband to retire. Really looking forward to seeing you all and great work getting us organized for this. Thanks Pat.

Janet Scott LCDR, USN-Ret. – Long time no see! Sorry but I won't be able to attend our 50th reunion. Health problems (heart, lungs, and back) keep me from traveling. I'm sorry I am going to miss it, especially not to see the "old gang." Please give my best regards.

Jeanne Cournoyer Peirce – no news.

Marilyn Towle Vansaun – I still have my old procedure manual.

Christine Currie Cornell – Both retired for a year and a half. Traveling as much as possible. A few minor illnesses, not enough to stop us. No grandchildren yet. No one even married yet. Really enjoying retirement. It will be wonderful to see everyone.

Patricia Sullivan Conefrey – Imagine 50 years. Unbelievable! I'll miss Freddie. I'm married, have 3 children, one grandchild. Still working full time.

Shirley Harper – We are enjoying our retirement. 5 children, 1 grandchild 8 years old. All live in New England. Enjoy traveling, active in local clubs.

Dorothy M Gessner – no news

Estelle Wallis Silverman – no news

M. E. Nousse – Latest news – my computer, trying to use it!

Theresa Bouhillet – Been widowed since 1987 – made our summer home permanent address. Have done some traveling – did Florida for 10 winters. Play golf as often as the weather and health allow. Was instrumental in changing rape laws in New Hampshire. Mostly laid back life, did join the garden club.

Doris Williamson Merrifield – It does not seem possible that 50 years have passed since we started out new careers as RNs. For me it has been quite an eventful life. I have worked in most areas of nursing from pediatrics to geriatrics. The joy of the nursing profession is that you can change when you feel burn out coming on and still do the work you love. I ended up in Public Health and set the agency up when Medicare first started. Then I went into School Nursing. Far from being a “band-aid Nurse” I discovered it to be exciting with a chance to do health education, physical evaluations, work closely with the special Ed Department, and work on state mandated programs such as hearing and vision screenings and scoliosis detection. Children are delightful patients. I retired 11 years ago and did volunteer work with the schools and Public Health Department until health problems forced me to stop.

I married when I was still in training. My husband Bob and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in November. We have 3 sons, and 8 grandchildren ranging from ages 21 to 7. We see them often and enjoy them all.

Like many of you I have been participating in the Harvard Nurses study from the beginning. Lately I have been more active because they were interested in the surgery I had for squamous cell cancer of the throat. I had surgery at NEMC in 1996, followed by 7 weeks of radiation. So far no reoccurrence!!!

Have a great time at the reunion. Sorry to be missing it.

Jane Bicknell O’Keefe – This year traveled to France, England, Italy, Florida, and Western MA. Last year Mexico, Belize, Texas and Arizona. Also have plans to go to Hawaii in the fall.

Alice Martinez Yanulis – Retired from my Endoscopy Unit at CMC, Manchester in 1991. Have spent winters in Florida ever since. Our 6 children have all been graduated from college and 3 from graduate school. They live from MA to FL. We have 8 grandchildren. Since retirement I have become a docent at the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester. I also spend a day a week at a local first grade, helping with reading and projects. Frank and I enjoy being with our family as often as possible. We have visited Europe, South America and East Africa.

Gladys M Edie – I’m fine, loving retirement and keeping busy. I’m active in the church and with volunteer work. Going to work at the blood bank and also at one of the Senior Community Centers. Visit Jack and family in Florida once or twice per year. Michael is in Northern Michigan, married by no children of his own. He has a stepdaughter and two step grandchildren, a boy and a girl. I guess that makes me a great grandmother sort of! I travel every chance I get. Been to many interesting

countries. Planning a trip to Oberammergau in 2000 to see the passion play. I hope that I make it. Love and good luck to all of our classmates.

Mary Jones Leach – Married August 19, 1950 to Charles H Leach, student at Boston University. Moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1953, when Charlie accepted a job with General Electric. Worked as night float at one of the downtown hospitals until the third child arrived in 1958. In 1969, started as an Educational Media Aide at the local High School, and stayed for 20 years, retiring in 1989. Charlie retired from G.E. in 1987. During the years between we raised 6 children, about which I could write a book. But we all survived, they all married and are now raising children of their own, which we are enjoying. Charlie and I moved to a golf course condo 2 years ago and now play golf, visit the children and grandchildren and spend January to March in Siesta Key, Florida. Except for Charlie's near fatal illness last year, life has been very good and it's been a fun ride!

Mary McCahill Shannahan – I made plans last year to travel to Europe – the dates are September 22 to October 2nd. I wish I had known then the dates of the reunion. I would have planned to attend. Frank passed away in January 1995. He had leukemia. We had three children, Peggy, Kathy and Brian and 6 grandchildren. Peggy lives in Medford Lakes, Kathy is in New Paltz, NY, and Brian in West Newbury, MA. I've lived in Medford Lakes, NJ for the past 25 years. I'm only a three-minute drive from the golf course which I enjoy. Have been doing a lot of traveling in the last ten years.

Kathleen Dee Horgan – retired from NMI, now known as Starmets in 1992. My sister Fran Kilmartin died September 1994 and my husband Bill died 2 weeks after her. Now have 6 grandchildren. They all live close by so I can really enjoy and love them. I'm still nursing, Occupational Health presently at Dupont in Billerica. I'm averaging 2 – 3 days every other week. Still love it and it helps maintain the bills. I'm recertified for 3 more years as an OHN. Fulfilled a long time dream of doing some missionary work in January 1998. Went to Haiti for 10 days with 16 from our church. Wonderful experience. Poverty is unbelievable. Active in my church – Eucharistic Minister at mass and home visits. Just completed 3 years in parish council. Now with the Spirituality Committee and seriously contemplating being a parish nurse. Wonderful to have our 50th. I have been blessed in many ways.

1949

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Six of us had a great time at some or all of the activities celebrating the 125th anniversary of the MGH School of Nursing. The individual programs were great – the

banquet and Homecoming luncheon were yummy! A great big thank you to all who were on the planning committees. The quilt is beautiful!

Attending were: Jackie Auger Brown, Ruth Stronach Henshaw, Anna Spahe Hoffman, Pat Malloy Kenniff, Dot Johnson McCann, Mary Libbey Morris. We had a great time getting caught up on all the news of the past year. We also discussed plans for our 50th reunion to be held September 25th 1999. Start planning and we all hope to see you next year. (editors note: the last sentence was added by the editor as the envelope with the news arrived torn and the last sentence was not legible. – hope I got the idea you were trying to share correct.)

February 1949

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We usually don't do news in December but this is a special report.

Sadly Emily Swierad Nicoll died June 29, 1998. Unknown to her classmates, she had been diabetic for 20 years. She developed CHF and Kidney Failure this spring, and had to be on dialysis. She was a native of Chicopee, MA attended American International College (where she met Clara) before entering nursing. She worked as head nurse on Vincent 3 for several years. After marriage she worked in Phillips House, area nursing homes and was a Concord School Nurse.

She and Ralph retired to the cape and then moved back to Pepperell to be near family. She leaves her husband Ralph, two sons, James and Gary and three grandsons, Barry, Max and Ryan. She will be sorely missed by Clara and the rest of our class.

Rev. Alfred Luce, husband of Madeline Smith Luce died on May 1 after a long illness. Madeline is remaining in Florida for the time being, where she is still employed.

Kit Weare Porter writes of having only her second illness in her whole life. Due to recreating for a few days at 8000 feet altitude and then returning home, she experienced atrial fibrillation. She spent 3 days in the hospital and 2 months trying to regulate medicine dosages. She is doing well now and feels much better.

In Boston at the 125th Anniversary, Barbie McCann, Barb Manoni, Clara Sellon, and Podee Hopkins appointed themselves the 50th Class Reunion Committee. Does anyone object? We hope all of you will try to be in Boston next September for Homecoming and our class milestone.

Clara will be sending you a questionnaire, Podes and Barbie McCann are working on a commemorative project for the occasion.

For our anniversary gift to the MGH we are asking for donations for the Ruth Sleeper Scholarship Fund, in memory of Nancy Brown Foster and Emily Swierad Nicoll. Are you all agreeable to this? Use addresses below please if you have other ideas or suggestions and you can be on the committee too. Snail mail or phone:

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Mrs Stewart Hopkins (address above)

September 1952

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There will be an informal gathering of the MGH Class of September 52 members, with "significant others" most welcome, at the Best Western in Kissimmee, Florida on March 17, 1999. If you are interested and would like more information contact Grace Hendrick Presswood at 727 391 1026, 4575 Cove Circle, #106, St Petersburg, FL 33708.

Decided to begin to get our class rounded up for 2002 so here's is something for the Record. Thanks for doing this job!

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Thoughts upon my return to Columbus after the Homecoming Celebration of MGH 125th Anniversary.

Fay Morgan Noonan, Manchester MA and I planned to attend. Who else from 1952 we knew not. But upon arrival we found a list and saw that 6 of us would be there for some part of the weekend.

Prior to the Friday program, with coffee in hand, we discovered Ann MacLean Plunkett, Potomac MD. Then Anne Halloran Campbell, Acton, MA appeared. We hated to see the program start. So much catching up to do but even more were the memories.

We knew by the program the Katie MacPherson, Peaks Island, ME was getting one of the Alumnae awards so looked for her Friday night. I spoke with Ruth Farrisey. She remembered that I had left the MGH to go to the convent. WOW. She was celebrating her 60th year.

Some of the class of '56 found me and remembered their days on B1. It was a wonderful gift to me. I sure didn't remember what they did.

At the Homecoming Luncheon, Connie Delory Stevens, West Hills, CA arrived so the 6 of us sat together and reminisced. Someone said that we (each class) had grown up together and that is so true. From age 18-21 for most we lived and worked, breathed and studied, played and grew as one. There really aren't many groups who have as much togetherness as we did in those days. 'splains a lot!

The Quilt was beautiful. Our own Annie Mac participated by sewing the 2 nurse figures and tracing half the signatures.

We, the 6 of us, decided we need to begin now to locate folks and begin thinking about 2002. With folks reaching the time of "intentional unemployment" and on the move, we need to find you. Please send me your address so we can begin planning for 2002.

Did collect some e-mail addresses but need more. Send me any that you know of or e-mail me jmcmanha@att.net

September 1955

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Eighteen of our classmates attended either part or all of the 125th celebration of the MGH School of Nursing that was Homecoming 1998. Some of us had not seen each other since graduation and it was wonderful to renew old acquaintances.

Roberta McNeill Romeo came from Novato, CA where she lives with her husband, Jim, who is a retired US Army nurse. She is a tenured Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of San Francisco and Commissioner of Aging in Marin County. She and Jim have a son and a daughter.

We were lucky to have two classmates who traveled all the way from California for the event. Alice Skowrya Smedile also made the long trip. She said she is taking life easy now, doesn't really miss nursing, and was happy to see "so many good looking faces."

Lois Johnson retired 4 years ago after many years in hospital staff development. She now keeps busy volunteering, walking, and traveling.

Edna Farrell Ross retired a year and a half ago from a Mobile Psychiatric Crisis Unit. She had worked as a Psychiatric Nurse Clinician after receiving her MSN from St. Joseph's College in Hartford, CT. She now keeps busy volunteering for mental health organizations and church. She and her husband have been enjoying some great trips. Edna has four sons and a daughter and says she is a baby-sitter "par excellence" for her many grandchildren.

Shirley Donaghy Hamel and her husband are also enjoying retirement. They spend the winter in Naples, FL. They have seven married children and thirteen grandchildren.

Marie Donovan Kent is still actively nursing in an Alzheimer's unit. She retired from her position as nursing supervisor at Norwood Hospital after 32 years. She says her three sons are "wonderful" and her three grandchildren are "wonderful beyond belief."

Audrey Chase Hull retired to Moultonboro, NH in 1993 and is "enjoying life and am busier than ever." Her husband, Buddy, passed away two years ago. Her three children and six grandchildren all live in the same area.

Nancy Cate Haigh lives in Moultonboro also and drove down to the 125th with Audrey. She retired after working in an ICU in Manchester, NH. Ron is semi-retired now. They have four children and four grandchildren.

Barbara Fox Kaslow is living in Andover, MA. One of her sons lives nearby, one lives in California and another in Georgia. Her husband, John, retired after thirty-four years with the New England Electric System but keeps busy doing consulting. Barbara's work is all volunteer now and they both love to travel.

Fran Brown is semi-retired after her long career in Pediatric and Geriatric care. She is now at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Northhampton. She spends the rest of her time traveling, golfing, and tripping off to the Connecticut casinos.

Helen Keskula Hultman said that she has “never worked for money” but has had to do a lot of home nursing for different family and in-law members in her home. She said she has never regretted taking care of them but that she would have loved to have had a “real job.”

Joan Counsell Inman retired from Pleasant Valley Infirmary in 1989. She lives now in Fort Edward, NY and has three daughters and two grandsons. She has concerns, as do we all, about patient care in hospitals now.

Helen and Joan came to the reunion with Ann DePaulis Wood who said this was her first reunion since graduation and she was happy to be a part of the 125th. Everyone that attended seemed pleased with the speakers, the meals, reuniting with old friends, and happy to be a part of this memorable occasion.

Louise Rigazio Cryts went to Moscow in March 1997 as a representative from the University of Massachusetts Lowell School of Nursing. She presented a paper on Options of Care for the Terminally Ill to Russian nursing students, educators, and physicians. She related to us that patients in Russia are not told when they have a terminal disease as they would consider it a death sentence and commit suicide. They made many copies of the Dying Patient's Bill of Rights that she had used in her presentation. She found the hospitals in poor condition, a high infection rate due to lack of antibiotics, outdated equipment, and a lack of home health care and long term facilities. She felt that the nursing professionals were dedicated and caring in spite of this and said that her trip there will remain an unforgettable, unique, and very positive experience.

Several weeks before the reunion we received a letter from Anne Smith Fetter who was unable to attend. She wrote that she has been married to Ken Fetter for forty-three years. She and Ken have three children and six grandchildren. They all live within a fifteen mile radius. She said that after graduation from MGH she worked part time staff and then sixteen years private duty nights while raising her family. In 1978 she opened a florist shop with some family members and remained active there until last year. She and her husband are now involved in cutting wood craft products for local shops and painting teachers.

Loretta Agostini Garreau also let us know she regretted missing the reunion. She and Roger had planned a trip to the Canadian Rockies. Lorrie has been living in New Jersey for quite some time.

For all of you who missed the 125th, we want to remind you that in the year 2000 we will be celebrating our 45th reunion. Try to keep the last Saturday in September free to join us then. Also, it was announced that the Alumnae Association is putting together a souvenir program of the 125th Celebration. They hope to have it to the printer by the end of October. It will be sent to all members of the Alumnus Association around the end of the year.

There were several members of the March section of our class at Homecoming. They added a few comments to our class notes and we are happy to report their messages. Marilyn Prouty is retired now and lives in Hanover, NH. She came with Anne Swett who was enjoying the Celebration and seeing many students that she knew at MGH when she was head nurse on B6.

Helen Anderson O'Brien is President/CEO of a large VNA where she says she is "struggling with adverse reimbursement." She is challenged by the huge shift from institutional to community based health care.

Audrey McLaughlin retired for the third time in June 1998. She spent thirty years and thirty days in the Army Nurse Corps and then taught at Georgetown School of Nursing Administration Program. She has spent the last two years commuting to Fort Wayne, Indiana to start a graduate program with a specialty in nursing administration. She is now looking forward to spending more time in Maine.

Connie Holleran now lives in Leisure World, Silver Springs, MD. She returned to the USA in March 1996 and works part time at the University of Pennsylvania. Connie was one of the alumnae honored at the 125th Celebration for their excellence, innovation, and dedication to the practice of nursing. Her accomplishments are many. She has been a staff and faculty member at the MGH, an exchange nurse teacher in Belfast Northern Ireland, worked with the Public Health Service and was the Deputy Executive Director of the ANA. She has been the Executive Director of the International Council Of Nurses and has published and lectured worldwide.

Let us hear from the rest of you!

September 1958

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Hello again to the members of the Class of 1958, September Section. The long anticipated celebration for the 125th has come and gone, and it was well worth the wait. A very enjoyable time was had by all. As many of you know, one of our classmates, Janet Donohue, received an Alumnae Achievement Award from the Alumnae Association at the Friday evening Awards dinner. Many members of our section attended the dinner, and we were very pleased for and proud of Jan.

The festivities continued on Saturday with the morning program and our Homecoming Luncheon, which was attended by Joan Cameron Fox, Jane Wright Silveria, Janet Harmes Crook, Donna Allen Stewart, Frances Perry Charles, Eleanor Bahler Perry, Barbara Dickey Brown, Mary Ann Robert Beaubien, May Yee Chin, Frances McCabe McLean, Elizabeth Johnson Grant, Janice Jacobson Kavanaugh, Janet Donohue, Carol

Harkness Kirea, Susan Truby Peterson, Judith Madden Fitzsimmons, Karen Lindahl Hume, Carol Smith Mason and Ruth Gedies Russo. The morning program was a very enjoyable slide show depicting the years of the MGH SON, and we also noticed that a number of slides used in the presentation came from our yearbook. Following the program, we had a delicious luncheon, and as usual there was a lot of reminiscing, stories of the “good old days,” and lots of laughs.

The day was completed with our Class dinner to celebrate our 40th, and we were joined by a few more classmates: Gail Anderson Ladd, Sylvia Davison Rost, Nola Grondin Rolfe, Patricia MacDonald Hugg, Ann Peppard Belason, Jane Thompson Long, Sally Tripp, and Nancy Wall Alukonis. We were also joined for the evening festivities by many of our husbands, friends and Pat Hugg’s daughter. Again we had a fun-filled evening, including another delicious dinner. I hope all those pictures we took turn out well. I should also say that time has been kind to us, at least we think so!

I do have to apologize for a few errors in the Class Directory, that I noticed as I was mailing some of them out. Claire Muldowney Nauen 125 Pleasant St, apt D; Mary Ann Robert Beaubien zip 01351; Carol Smith Mason Tel # 904 273 0055; Rosamond Wheeler Thorpe zip 93711; and finally, my apologies to May Yee Chin for renaming her husband, Tom. I must have been getting a little hoopy when I was finishing the typing – hope I didn’t ruffle too many feathers, I also contacted Elaine Battles Paquette after the weekend and her address is the same 358 Power Rd, Pawtucket RI 02860, 401 723 0145. Elaine’s letter was returned “address unknown” – so much for the postal service. Sue Peterson also told me that Cathy Goss Newhouser’s husband, Nelson is ill. We hope that he has a speedy and complete recovery.

Finally, Steve and I want to again thank all of the class members, who attended our Reunion dinner, for the gifts you thoughtfully gave us. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves, and we’ll see you at the 45th! Don’t forget to keep in touch with news and especially any address changes.

March 1959

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Alice Wright Burd
Miles has retired and his consulting business is doing well. Alice and Miles are travelling more, enjoying visiting friends.

Gail Kent Clemmer (Cominskey)
Gail retired in June 1998 and loves the reduction in stress. She plans to volunteer or return to school. She finally found out why she was having arm pain – she had sustained a fractured radius in an earlier fall.

David is a computer engineer in Seattle. Ellen, her husband, and children Alex and Gerry live on a 50-acre farm with multi buildings and ponds. George is also retired. Shortly after arriving in Boston for our 40th reunion, he fell and fractured his femur. After surgery and rehab in Boston, he is back home and doing well.

Gene (Shaffer) Corcoran

Gene is a great-grandmother! JD's stepson has a daughter, Morgan Haley. Gene continues to work at the Student Clinic at University of Maryland, and with the Rescue Squad.

JD and his wife traveled cross-country on their Harleys last summer. Susan and husband and 2 sons, Christopher, 15, and Charles Nicholas, 9, are selling their townhouse to buy a single-family home in the Baltimore – DC area. Dan, now 29, lives and works near Baltimore.

Nancy (Bassett) Campbell

Nancy continues to work in an in-patient psych unit. She plays bridge and enjoys walking.

Andy and Kathy, both teachers, have 2 children, Alex, 3, and Connor, 2 months. Belinda works for Cabletron. Cooper is in LA working for Merrill Lynch, and looking to act. Carrie and Simon live near Seattle. Carrie teaches computer courses, and is acting in voluntary programs in nursing homes, adolescent shelters, etc.

Marilyn (Thayer) Cote

Bob and Mal have been retired for 3 years. They have traveled to Europe and Mexico. They go south in the winter, north in the summer and are in Virginia for spring and fall. 6 children and nine grandchildren are all well.

Roslyn (Ruggiero) Elms (Sutherland)

Roz was in china while we celebrated. However, I talked to her on October 10th – to wish her a happy 60th birthday. She has been in Portland for 3 years now, working as Vice Provost at Oregon Health Science University. Ron is a Cardiologist. They travel a great deal – have been to Venezuela, China, Italy, Mexico, and Africa. They plan to travel to Turkey in August to see the last exlipse of this century.

Laurel has acquired her PhD. Heather also has her PhD and is teaching at the University of Florida. Roz's mom, now 84, lives in Sacramento and is doing very well. Roz has 7 children and 9 grandchildren. 80 people from all over the country were in Portland to help Roz celebrate her 60th birthday.

Elaine (Finley) Flanagan

Jim is retired from Delta Airlines, and enjoys sailing and tennis. He is president of the Pop Warner League on the lower Cape, and also is computer active. Elaine keeps busy with her garden, and also designs kitchens and gardens. John is in Denver, and is a partner in a small business venture capital firm. Kevin is in Wellesley, and has a

business that prints business texts in Marlboro. Michael is back to school for his Masters' in finance. The boys have produced 6 grandchildren, ages 3 to 10 years, for Elaine and Jim.

Roberta Fitzgerald

Fitzie moved last summer, and now lives across from Gracie Mansion – a safer, small neighborhood. She can walk north to the Triboro Bridge and south to the 59th Street Bridge. She is grateful to be physically more functional than she has been in years. She volunteers with the English speaking Union, assisting immigrants to master English conversation. She also has volunteered at a tutorial service in East Harlem

Amanda (McCrea) Fuliro

Bunny is Human Resource Director at University of Texas at Brownsville. Vic is Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the same university and at Texas Southmost College.

Suzanne finally completed her BA last year. She is married and has 2 girls, ages 7 and 5. Kathy is still working on completing her PhD in Biochemistry. She has a one year old daughter. Bunny has lost 3 brothers and her sister. She and Vic still love Texas.

Maxine (Clark) Hybarger

Maxine is a staff nurse 3 in the PACU at Santa Teresa Hospital. She's been there for 21 years. She is Nurse Representative/Advocate for co-workers for the California Nurses Association. Ray is on the board of "The Mostly Irish Theatre company" and has had lead roles in JB Keane's "White Steed" and other plays. The company hopes to return to Ireland in 1999 to put on a production at a festival near Dublin. Maxine and Ray frequently travel out of the country. They will have a 40th Wedding Anniversary Party on March 20, 1999.

Barbara (King) Hemingway

Barbara is working part-time as a nurse practitioner in a primary care practice, and part-time at the University of Mass/Boston in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. She has been researching extensively in areas of recent developments in Health Care. She also has been Chinese Brush Painting. Herman is on the faculty at the University of Mass at the McCormack Institute. He also practices Law in Boston. Myra is a lawyer, married with 2 children, Amarachi, 6, and Alanna, 2 ½. Angela lives in Weymouth, works as an analyst in human rights. Barbara and Herman have been traveling to Africa annually to give lectures on democratization, under the sponsorship of the State Department. They have been invited to China next year.

Eleanor (Dyer) Hamilton

Ellie plans to retire in 1999, and plans to sell her home and buy a condo, probably in Peabody, near her daughter Gayle. Ellie has 6 grandchildren, as Gayle, Scott and Greg each have 2 children.

Ruth (Fife) Mann

Ruth and Ginger are happily retired, raising vegetables, getting lots of exercise, traveling, and volunteering at various town activities. Martha, Doug, and Rebecca married 3 great spouses. Each will soon have 2 kids. They have 3 grandsons, 1 new born granddaughter, expect one any day and one in the spring.

Judith (Palmer) Muggia

Al is still practicing full-time, biking, hiking, and playing duplicate bridge. Judie's book of the correspondence of her parents during World War II has been published. She has been traveling – has been working in a scholarship program for the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador. Young Al is practicing gastroenterology with Al. His family consists of 2 girls and 1 boy. William is fund Manager, lives in Wellesley, has twins, a boy and a girl. Frank is a lawyer at a litigation firm in Orchard Park NY, and has a son and daughter. Al and Judie have 7 grandchildren and one on the way. Judie's mom died in mid September.

Mary (Jannino) Romeo

Ernie has been retired for 6 years, is in good health except for gout and age. Mary works 3 days a week for VNA, and is close to retirement. Their 6 children – 3 live in Burlington, 1 in Newburyport, 1 in Tewksbury, and 1 in Long Island. They have 13 living grandchildren (daughter Eileen's son Joe died at age 1½) – 9 boys, 4 girls, and 2 on the way.

Mary (Duggan) Roy

Norm and Mary celebrated their 39th anniversary in May, and are looking forward to retirement in April of 1999. They have been blessed with good health. Their 6 children (5 girls and 1 boy) are happy and healthy. They have 6 grandchildren, 4 boys and 2 girls and great sons-in-law. For the past 10 years, they have traveled all over the world and have met wonderful people.

Suzanne Seymour

Sue works as a charge nurse in a newborn nursery. Her 3 children are doing well – lots of success and world travel. None has married. Sue spent a month hiking through Australia last summer.

The Cairas

Mike will retire at the end of the year. His health has not been great. I've just started a new job – full time days on a brand new 20 bed rehab satellite unit of New England Sinai Hospital at Deaconess/Waltham Hospital. A very different role, 12 years after I was terminated in a reduction-in-force. I continue to follow a few hospice patients also. Our kids are well. Michael has a condo in Natick. Chris and Kelly live in Watertown, and travel a great deal. Maria, Jim, Catherine, 7, and Laura, 5, live in Waltham. We are truly blessed with our family. We have purchased a Condo, and our home is up for sale. Talk about stressful chaos!

How delightful it was to see 15 of the 18 of us come together at Judie's to celebrate our 40th Reunion. We missed Jamin's presence, and remembering her with the elegant quilt, which will be displayed in her memory, was a wonderful gesture.

Editor's Note: The class as a class gift purchased the Quilt at the Silent Auction and gave it back to the Association to be displayed in memory of Jamin Schofield Guarino who died of cancer in October, 1997. Our thanks to the class for their very generous gift. There will be much more about the auction and the quilt in the book to be published shortly.

1966

Diane Smith left a copy of a photo given her by Dr Stoeckle several years ago of 4 student nurses in vintage uniforms. A great photo and appreciated by all. Thank you.

1993

Frank Benson has been elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau.

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1999 Homecoming Program Survey

Please take a moment and help us plan for Homecoming 1999. In looking at the evaluations and listening to people at the 125th Celebration, we recognize that we need more input from you the members of the association in our planning process.

The following survey tool was designed by the Program Planning Committee. We would appreciate it if you would take a moment and answer the following questions. Once you have completed the form tear out the page, fold it over, place a piece of tape at the open end, place a stamp on it and mail it back to the alumnae office.

Thank you in advance for completing this survey.

1. Are you presently in clinical practice? Yes No
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6. Please give us your suggestions for topics or speakers.

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